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Nixon Reported Eager for Visit By Khrushchev

He Is Said to
Hope for Repeat
of Their Kitchen
Debate in U.N.

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THERE WAS SOME significant backstage by-play before President Eisenhower made his recent press conference statement indicating that he might confer with Premier Khrushchev in New York if Khrushchev attended the United Nations in September.

Secretary of State Herter had sent the President a detailed briefing paper advising him not to encourage the Khrushchev visit. Herter pointed out that if Mr. Eisenhower did meet with Khrushchev on top of all the recent Moscow criticism it would be interpreted around the world as a sign of weakness.

Vice President Nixon is hoping that Khrushchev comes to New York. He figures that if Khrushchev leads the Russian delegation at the United Nations, he, Nixon, can lead the American delegation and stage a repeat of his so-called kitchen debate with Khrushchev in Moscow. This, on top of the fact that Henry Cabot Lodge, the GOP vice-presidential running mate, is continuing to debate the Russians at UN disarmament talks, would just about elect him, Nixon figures.

SO HE SENT WORD that Mr. Eisenhower should not close the door to a Khrushchev visit. The President co-operated, left the door open.

CIA Director Allen Dulles has warned the President there's every sign Khrushchev will come to New York, then go on to Cuba and Mexico. Khrushchev's main goal, Dulles advises, will be to pose once again as a man of peace.

Simultaneously, Dulles warns, Khrushchev hopes to convince the world that Russia has grown so strong militarily that the United States must permit him to come to the United States any time he so desires.